

**FISCAL MEMORANDUM  
SB 3122 – HB 4011**

March 28, 2008

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015888):** Authorizes a registered pharmacy technician in a federally qualified health center (FQHC) to issue prescription drugs to a patient of the FQHC and offer counseling by a pharmacist by means of telepharmacy. Requires the Department of Health and the Board of Pharmacy to identify one FQHC for a voluntary pilot program in East Tennessee to implement the telepharmacy provisions.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

Increase State Expenditures - \$81,500/One-Time  
\$2,281,900/Recurring

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- According to the Department of Health, the FQHC authorized to conduct the pilot program will not be a state facility. Any cost for the pilot project will be borne by the facility.
- The Board of Pharmacy will conduct necessary rule hearings during a regularly scheduled meeting. Any costs can be accommodated within the existing resources of the Board.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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